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Mayor Names Deputy Mayor for Labor Relations Attorney Randy Briggs to Fill Vacancy

March 15, 2013 (Akron, Ohio) - Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic today announced the appointment of Attorney Randy Briggs as Deputy Mayor for Labor Relations. That position has been filled on an interim basis by Patricia Ambrose Rubright, an Akron Assistant Director of Law and Interim Personnel Director.

Randy Briggs is coming to the City with several years of experience as General Counsel for the Summit County Sheriff, where he provided counsel to the Sheriff on all legal issues, oversaw personnel matters, negotiated union contracts, addressed grievances, handled arbitrations, resolved employee discipline issues, and developed departmental practices and procedures. Prior to working for the Sheriff, Briggs was in private practice.

“Briggs has the experience, temperament, and ability to do this job well,” said Mayor Don Plusquellic. “The nature of his employment with the Sheriff’s department gives him the perfect background to hit the ground running and I know he will competently serve the citizens of Akron.”

This hire comes on the heels of the Mayor's direct face-to-face meetings with the four Union presidents. At those meetings, the Union Presidents urged the Mayor to hire a full-time permanent Labor Relations Director to deal with the daily employee issues that arise in their departments.

"Due to the City's budget constraints, everyone has been taking on additional roles and responsibilities. Patti Rubright has been juggling three different roles for much longer than I intended," said Mayor Plusquellic. "Patti really has done an incredible job considering she has had to manage the duties of Labor Relations Director, Personnel Director and Assistant Director of Law. I appreciate her work ethic and dedication, and I'm confident that Randy will bring the same commitment to the position of Labor Relations Director."

Briggs graduated *summa cum laude* from the State University of New York in 1980, and obtained his Juris Doctorate from the University of Akron, School of Law, in 1983.

Briggs is also very involved in the community, currently serving his second year as Board President for the Summit DD Board, where he directs the Board in overseeing the agency.

“I am very happy to be joining the City in this capacity and welcome the opportunity to serve the citizens of Akron,” said Briggs. “I have a good working relationship with the Mayor and his staff, and I look forward to the challenges ahead.”

Briggs’ salary will be \$104,353.60.

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